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Attorney Docket No. 15149

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Y. BRONICKI

Serial No.: 09/431,159                      Group Art Unit: 1764  
Filed: November 1, 1999                      Examiner: A. Doroshenk  
For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING HEAVY  
HYDROCARBON FEEDS**

**REQUEST FOR**

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**TRANSMITTAL**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.F. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 23, 2003.
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Miscellaneous

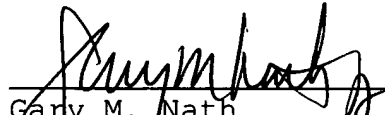
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees

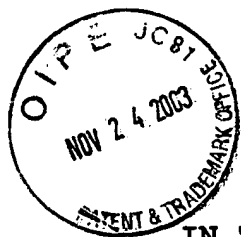
(The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$ 770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is enclosed.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) is enclosed
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

This response is supplemental to the response filed on October 23, 2003. The previously-filed paper was responsive to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003; however, to ensure entry of this amendment, Applicant is filing herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time and check therefor, as well as a Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, as well as the previously filed response, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

**AMENDMENT**